

THE BENEFITS

- *Learn self-discipline*
- *Develop skills that will help you GET and KEEP a job*
- *May be eligible to earn a G.E.D*
- *Participate in Vocational/ Technical training*
- *Receive computer training*
- *Receive physical training*
- *Develop good health, nutrition and hygiene habits*
- *Develop life-coping skills*

THE COST IS FREE!!

Meals, housing and uniforms are all provided and there are no costs to the cadet or their families for participation in the program. The ChalleNGe Youth Program is paid for by the Department of Defense and the State of New Jersey.

Although the program is administered by the New Jersey National Guard, there is NO military obligation for participation. However, this is an excellent way to access a career in the military.



"Providing purpose and direction for the future of New Jersey youth through education and structure."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ✚ To be eligible to enroll in ChalleNGe, you must meet the following requirements:
- ✚ Males and females between the ages of 16 through 18.
- ✚ Any high school dropout or potential dropout.
- ✚ U.S. citizen or legal resident of the State of New Jersey.
- ✚ Free from involvement with the legal system. Not currently on parole or probation, not charged with a crime, and not awaiting sentencing.
- ✚ Candidates must volunteer. This is not a traditional "boot camp."
- ✚ Must be free from use of illegal drugs or substances (candidates will be tested randomly, and upon arrival for Pre-ChalleNGe). No use of tobacco products.
- ✚ Must be unemployed or under-employed.



A "SECOND CHANCE"

FOR
HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS
TO SHAPE A
REWARDING FUTURE
FOR THEMSELVES
AND
EARN A DIPLOMA



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New Jersey National Guard Challenge Youth Program.

"Making a difference one life at a time."

A second chance for high school dropouts to shape a rewarding future for themselves and earn a diploma!!!!

THE PROGRAM

The NJNGCYP is a 17-month, three-phase program. The New Jersey ChalleNGe Youth program offers teenagers between the ages of 16 through 18 the opportunity to change their lives and make a future for themselves.

The first phase, called Pre-ChalleNGe, is two weeks in length. The second phase is twenty weeks and is called ChalleNGe. These two phases are residential. The third phase is the mentor phase and is conducted within the cadet's community. In this Post-Residential phase, the cadet will meet with a mentor once a week for twelve months.



THE OPPORTUNITY

There are only a few times in your life when you get a second chance!! The New Jersey National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Program provides one of them. It's a fact that workers with less than a high school education end up with fewer career opportunities and lower paying jobs – That doesn't have to be your future.

PRE-CHALLENGE PHASE

All candidates will live in the barracks at historic Fort Dix. Candidates will spend much of their time doing physical training, marching, and performing military movements. They will learn the basics of military structure and organization. At the end of the two-week Pre-ChalleNGe phase, all candidates will be evaluated on their performance, attitude, and desire to complete PHASE 2.



CHALLENGE PHASE

The ChalleNGe phase includes 400 hours of classroom instruction to prepare cadets for the G.E.D. exam. The cadets will also participate in over 40 hours of community service and conservation activities. The cadets will be assessed in eight core components. These components include: academic excellence, job skills, physical fitness, leadership and followership, health and nutrition, life-coping skills, responsible citizenship, and community service. These components are designed to develop the cadets into well-rounded, responsible members of society. Additionally, the cadets put together a life plan that they will work to execute during the post-residential phase.

POST-RESIDENTIAL PHASE

During the residential phase, the cadet will be matched to a mentor from their community who will keep weekly contact with the cadet and help guide the cadet in executing their life plan for the next twelve months of the Post-Residential phase.



THE COMMITMENT

This program won't be easy, and it isn't for everyone. You'll put in long days and have little free time. Every day you'll be challenged mentally and physically. Is a second chance to realize your dreams worth the challenge? Only you can decide!

